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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.191(a) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated February 13, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$155.00^{1/} for the statutory fee is attached.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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